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## Outrage over pension fund investments in arms and tobacco companies



by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

HUMAN rights abuses, arms sales and use of child labour are just some of the accusations levelled at companies supported by a £7billion pension fund created for local government employees in Essex.

The Essex Pension Fund is one of the largest local government pension schemes in the UK making investments on behalf of thousands of workers including council staff, teachers and charity workers.

An investigation has revealed the fund is helping to support some companies accused of unethical practices.

The fund includes £24.7million in Tata Consultancy and £5.9million in Tata Power. Both are subsidiaries of an Indian multinational corporation called the Tata Group, which boasted in September last year of supplying military vehicles to Myanmar.

The announcement was made just four days before the United Nations (UN) accused the country's military leaders of the "gravest" crimes against ethnic groups – including genocide.

Tata Group was contacted for comment but had not replied to our request by the time we went to press.

Almost £600,000 has also been invested in BAE Systems. The British company supplies fighter jets to Saudi Arabia which may have been used in Yemen.

The UN warned the bombing has created "the worst famine in the world in 100 years" and BAE's chairman has told shareholders he "does not know" if the company's products were used in war crimes.

A spokesman for the company said: "BAE Systems provides defence equipment, training and support under government-to-government agreements between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"As a global company, BAE Systems has operations in numerous countries, and it complies with all relevant export control laws and regulations in the countries in which it operates."

Other investments include £560,341 in Glencore, previously accused of using child labour in mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A spokesman for the company described the claims as "totally without merit".

He added: "We prioritise respect for human rights everywhere that we operate. We uphold the human rights of our people and our communities, including vulnerable groups such as women, children, indigenous people and victims of conflict."

A further £155,316 has also been invested in British American Tobacco. A spokesman said: "Many commentators would point at our history of delivering consistent returns to shareholders as a reason why our shares are considered attractive."

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# Family of mum fatally shot 'absolutely heartbroken'

## Tributes to 'independent and proud woman' who was 'unwaveringly loyal'

by Michael Cox

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FAMILY members have paid tribute to a woman who died following an alleged shooting in Southend.

Christy Walshe died in hospital on January 15, two days after being found seriously injured at an address in Sutton Road.

Essex Police released a statement on their behalf paying tribute to the 40-year-old, including quotes from her child and her mother.

Her child said: "My mum had a very good sense of humour.

"She was very funny, making us smile when she laughed at her own jokes even the bad ones.

"She was always full of beans and enthusiastic about life, and loved all



**GUN INCIDENT:**  
Christy Walshe

animals but especially her two dogs, Lizard and Dego.

"My mum was very independent and could be stubborn at times but for all this I love her and will miss her very much. She was my mum but she was also my friend."

Christy's mum Jacqui said: "Christy was a much loved daughter and sister.

"She was an independent and proud woman, unwaveringly loyal and had a strong personality.

"We are all absolutely heartbroken."

● A MAN has been charged with the murder of Christy Walshe and possession of a firearm.

Michael Strudwick, 33, of Sutton Road, Southend, appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday and has been remanded in custody to appear at Basildon Crown Court on February 11.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

● **SOUTHEND** Council's cabinet approved the draft 2019/2020 budget proposals.

The plans included almost £14million investment in a new pavilion and pier trains on Southend Pier, while up to £20m is proposed to be set aside for commercial property purchases.

A planned council tax rise of 4.49 per cent for Southend residents was also approved.

The final budget is due to be passed at a full council meeting next month.

● **POLICE** and partner agencies tackled issues such as antisocial behaviour and rough sleeping as part of an operation to target crime in Southend town centre.

Last Thursday, officers joined forces with more than 50 representatives from 20 partner agencies.

They patrolled Leigh High Street and carried out surveys asking residents about policing issues they would like to see improve.

Anyone with local concerns is asked to contact police on 101 on extension 471471 or email southendcommunitypolicingteam@essex.pnn.police.uk.

● **FIREFIGHTERS** put out a fire in a ground floor flat in Westcliff.

A passerby called 999 when they walked past the property on Hadleigh Road just after 11.50am on Tuesday, January 15 and heard the smoke alarm sounding.

Wearing breathing apparatus, crews entered the property and found the fire in the kitchen.

Firefighters put out the blaze and discovered it started after a plastic bag of ashes from the fireplace had been put into the kitchen near the bin.

The whole flat has been left smoke damaged.

## Man jailed for stabbing 16-year-old boy in leg



**PRISON:** Max Hyde

A MAN has been jailed after he stabbed a boy in the leg.

Max Hyde, of no fixed address, was sentenced at Basildon Crown Court on Wednesday, January 16 to five years in prison plus an extension of three years on licence for stabbing the 16-year-old in Central Avenue, Southend on July 11.

A police officer, who arrived at the scene, gave the boy life-saving treatment until paramedics arrived.

The boy was taken to hospital and treated for serious but not life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses reported seeing Hyde get out of a white van parked in Hamstel Road, run towards the victim and stab him with a knife.

Hyde pleaded guilty on January 16 to causing grievous bodily harm with intent, possession of an offensive weapon and to a theft which took place on Colne Drive, Shoeburyness in December 2017.

In addition to the five-year prison sentence and the three-year extension on licence, he was sentenced to a six-month jail term for the possession of an offensive weapon and 12 months custodial sentence

for the theft in Shoeburyness, both to be served concurrently.

Investigating officer PC Rachael King said: "This was an intentional attack where the outcome for the victim could have been a lot worse if it wasn't for the quick life-saving actions from the officer who arrived on scene.

"We will continue to tackle knife crime and prevent crimes like this by working with the local community, educating people about its effects and encouraging the public to report crime to us, so that we can take action."

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# Pension fund: 'Aim to ensure max return'

### From front page

A PENSION fund for public sector workers has dismissed concerns about "unethical" investments claiming "our aim is to ensure maximum return".

Councillor Susan Barker, chairman of the Essex Pension Investment Steering Committee at Essex County Council, said: "The main responsibility of the Essex Pension Fund is to ensure it has sufficient funds available to pay pensions on behalf of more than 160,000 people, including employees at councils, schools, colleges, universities and the fire and rescue service.

"Our aim is to ensure maximum return on investment and as a fund we recognise our responsibility for managing a range of risks faced by long-term investors, including those potentially posed by climate change."

However, some have claimed a "profit against principle" approach should be reconsidered.



FIGURES: Councillor Susan Barker

Southend Labour councillor Matt Dent – who initially called out the fund's investments in fossil fuel companies – called the revelations "truly shocking" and said pension fund members would be "horrified" to learn what their money

is being used for.

He said: "I strongly urge the fund's trustees to conduct a full audit of their investments and divest as a matter of urgency from any unethical investments."

Independent councillor Martin Terry described the decisions as "outrageous" and said investing in tobacco companies was contrary to the council's smoking reduction schemes.

He said: "Where are our red lines these days? You have to have them and you cannot turn a blind eye to genocide."

Deputy leader James Courtenay claimed Southend Council does not have a direct input adding, "it is not down to us to dictate how a pension fund makes its investments".

He said if the fund invested in companies that give a lower return it would mean council tax would go up or services would be cut.

Councillor David Burton-Sampson, deputy leader of Basildon Labour Group, said: "I would call on the trustees of the fund to review all areas of investment and ensure they are appropriate for that of a UK public body."

"The trustees should immediately withdraw from any investments which are considered unethical."

The leader of Basildon Council, Conservative Councillor Andrew Baggott, said he would support an investigation into the investments if they involve companies accused of breaking the law, but it would be going "too far" for councillors to demand it.

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This means that while a council may have certain policies that are aimed at improving the health of residents or employees, they are also undermining this by paying into a fund which has invested in a company like British American Tobacco.

Andrew Smith, of Campaign Against Arms Trade, said: "Public money should be spent on the public good, it shouldn't be used to fund and support companies that profit from war and conflict around the world."

"The council should set a precedent and ensure that the Essex Pension Fund is invested positively and ethically."

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SUPPORT: Staff from Windsor ward at Southend Hospital backed the countywide campaign

# Hospital staff back dementia awareness day

SOUTHEND Hospital staff showed their support for an Essexwide dementia day.

Essex Dementia Day took place last Friday and aimed to raise awareness of dementia and the support available.

Members of the dementia community support team

for Southend, Castle Point and Rochford went to the hospital on the day and had an information stand to offer advice and guidance.

Hospital staff from wards for the elderly were keen to show their support for the day, a hospital spokesman said.

Lindsay Popham, dementia clinical nurse specialist at the hospital, said: "We continue to work closely with the community dementia support team in providing training for staff, as well as advice and support for those people living locally with dementia and their carers."

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# Inspectors' glowing report for 'outstanding' academy

A SECONDARY school in Leigh has been given Ofsted's highest rating following an inspection.

The Eastwood Academy was visited by inspectors in December and they published their findings last week.

They rated the school as "outstanding" overall and across the four main inspection criteria.

Inspectors wrote that pupils make significant progress throughout their time at the school, and that attainment is high and progress is well above average by the time they leave.

They also praised school principal Neil Houchen for his "clear, unwavering vision" focused on supporting pupils' high achievement. "The quality of teaching is outstanding.

Teachers' subject knowledge is very strong, they question pupils effectively and they plan activities that are suitably challenging."

Inspectors also found that the behaviour of pupils at the school is excellent, adding: "They are supportive of each other and they develop very strong working relationships with their teachers.

"Pupils' attitudes to learning are a key strength of the school."

School leaders were described as "very skilled" by inspectors in the report, while they also found that parents and carers are "very positive" about the school.

The school had been rated as "good" following the last inspection in March 2018.



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WE really didn't need any further proof that the leaders of the UK's political parties are deluded imbeciles, but in the aftermath of the biggest defeat of any government in parliamentary history every one of them has showed they are not fit for purpose.

With Parliament facing its biggest constitutional crisis in centuries, it's reasonable for us plebs to assume that if the prime minister puts out the call for cross-party talks, in a bid to find a solution to this mess, you damn well answer and show willing for the nation's sake - even if oblivious to the humiliation of last week she still believes her withdrawal agreement can be saved with a few tweaks here and there (and we all know it can't - except for her).

But instead, the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition stubbornly refused to take part unless a no-deal scenario was taken off the table.

So he'll speak to Hamas, Hezbollah and the IRA but not the "stupid woman" who's running the country. A shocking own goal by the boy Corbyn.

Meanwhile, LibDem leader Vince Cable and wee Jimmy Krankie's SNP gimp in Westminster put their own agendas of people's votes and independence by the back door above the matter in hand.

Corbyn's petulant sulk was exacerbated by Yvette Cooper and Hilary Benn attending Downing Street in blatant disregard of a directive from their leader telling Labour MPs not to play with the kids on the opposite side of the street.

This issue of possibly leaving the EU without a deal and trading on WTO rules (which some would have us believe will bring on armageddon overnight) has triggered mass hysteria - none more so than in the House of Commons itself, as if the Maybot can magically make that prospect disappear somehow.

Now I'm the first to say she's responsible for the disastrous, and completely unacceptable deal with the EU, but that's something that she can't just wipe out of the equation. It can only be fixed with a deal because leaving on no deal is the default position in Article 50 if the EU and the UK fail to agree. It's entrenched in law.

Yet Corbyn and even Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond are incapable, or unwilling, to grasp this.

And there lies the problem, and possibly the solution to the juvenile tantrums tarnishing British politics.

There must be some grown ups - rather than complete

tools - in Westminster. I know of at least two here in Essex who can see the bigger picture and are trying their best to resolve this awful stalemate while their leaders and cronies are obsessed with jostling for position.

A bit more dignity in the House wouldn't go amiss and at some point those parliamentarians who feel as ashamed as the rest of us over this ugly episode must act beyond party lines and put people before politics.

■ Let's say we do indeed leave the EU without a deal on March 29 and Kent becomes a lorry park. The same would apply on the other side of the Channel.

If we reclaim our fishing waters, the Royal Navy would probably have to protect our boats because the French would be inclined to carry on regardless.

The EU would be £39 billion down at a time when Germany is on the brink of recession, Italy is kicking up about their budget, Spain has its own economical and constitutional problems and the weekend has become a regular day out for the yellow jackets in the French capital.

One more spark and Paris will burn.

So it's as much in the EU's interests to strike a deal as it is in ours.



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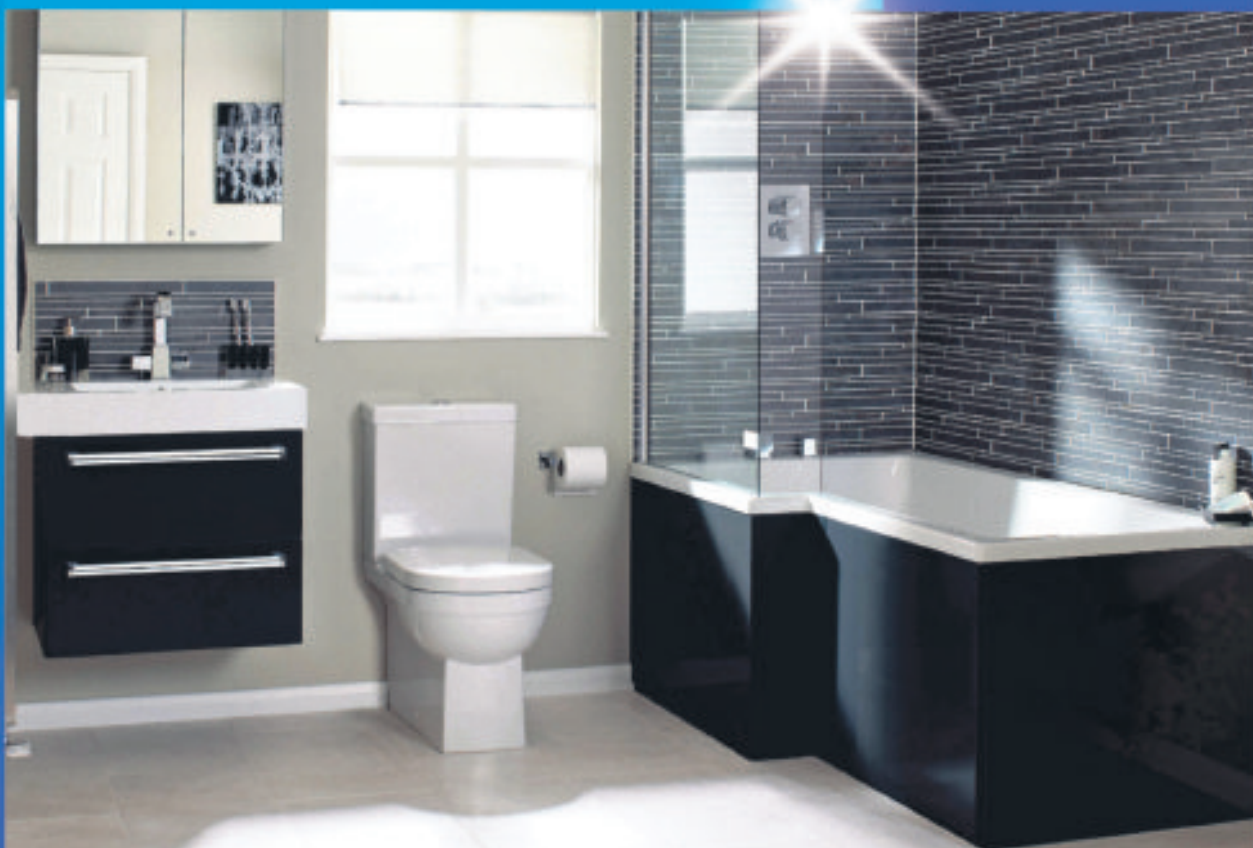
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TRIBUTES have been paid to a Southend councillor who has passed away, *writes MICHAEL COX.*

Southend Council confirmed Julian Ware-Lane, who had been Labour councillor for the Milton ward since 2012 and a former candidate for the Southend West parliamentary seat, died on Sunday.

He also served on the people scrutiny committee and standard advisory council on religious education. A council spokesman said Mr Ware-Lane had been unwell.

Tributes for him flooded in from across the political landscape.

A statement from Southend Labour said: "Julian was a passionate and dedicated citizen of Southend.

"A socialist, a democrat, and a champion of too many causes to state, there are few who could match his tireless striving to make the town the best it could be.

"His efforts in service of his constituents in Milton ward are acknowledged and saluted by all, whether they agreed with his politics or not, and his shoes will not easily be filled.

"All of us at Southend Labour will miss Julian greatly, and we will move forward in his memory, to make Southend the better place for everyone that he wanted it to be and knew that it could be. Rest in peace, comrade."

Conservative councillor John Lamb, leader of the council, said the news of Mr Ware-Lane's death was "a very sad day for Southend".

"All our thoughts are with Julian's family and friends at this sad time.

"There can be no doubt that Julian was absolutely passionate about the whole borough and also his beloved Milton ward.

"He was totally committed to doing the right thing for local people and was everything that a good local councillor should be. His passing leaves a big hole in local politics.

"We had many passionate debates across the political chamber over the years, and I had the upmost respect for Julian. I am very saddened by his passing and he will be greatly missed."

Labour councillor for Kursaal ward, Matt Dent, described Mr Ware-Lane on Twitter as a "mainstay" of Southend politics and said he was an "invaluable mentor".

"I can confidently say that I would not be a councillor today if not for him. There will be a void in this town without him."

Labour's MEP for the East of England, Alex



Cllr Julian Ware-Lane

Mayer, said he had been a leading figure in the party across Essex.

"I first got to know him well during the election campaign of 2010. I know from many a wind-swept day when we were out talking to local residents how hard he worked for the people of Southend.

"He was always jovial company and will be sadly missed. My thoughts are with Julian's family."

Rochford and Southend East's Conservative MP James Duddridge wrote on Twitter: "Julian had a real passion for Southend and worked incredibly hard for his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time."

Southend Council said council flags in the Civic Centre have been lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect.

# Passing of popular councillor 'leaves big hole in local politics'

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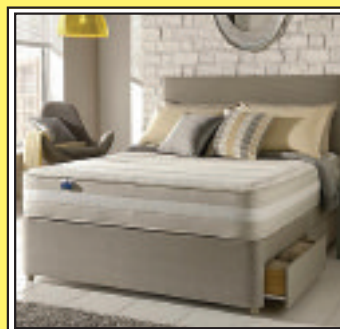
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## Are we about to become a dictatorship?

THE big Brexit issue is no longer whether we leave or stay in Europe but has become the threat to our democracy.

Whichever way you voted, the referendum gave people the choice and it could have gone either way. The majority happened to have decided to leave the EU but what if this does not happen, what does it mean?

Forget the arguments on being better or worse off. A decision was made and the government may well ignore us.

So is this the end of democracy? If we stay in the EU after the Government has had its instructions to take us out, the UK ceases to be a democracy and becomes a dictatorship.

We elect a Government to carry out our instructions, so if the majority fails this time the incentive to vote ever again disappears.

For hundreds of years people in the UK have fought and some died in order to establish democracy so who has the right to take it away without another fight?

If we stay in the EU I will never vote Tory again and as there is no intelligent opposition I doubt I will vote for anyone.

Theresa May has done her best, but it's not good enough to get a deal through Parliament.

Our MPs are destroying our country and taking away our rights and I fail to see how this position will recover.

The EU is laughing at us and

they have every right to because they must see us as weak idiots.

If the referendum vote had gone the other way and the government wanted to take us out of the EU they would do it.

I don't like dictators and this is what the Government is becoming.

Soon will be time for the revolution.

**Keith Little**  
*Benfleet*

## The more we talk the less scary it is

I WAS very moved by the story your columnist Edward Case shared in the *YA* on December 7. It demonstrated how losing loved ones affects us all and in different ways.

St Peter's Church of the parish of Thundersley has been inspired to hold an innovative funeral fair on February 23.

We hope to help our local community to speak more openly about death with a death café and that they will be prompted to ask questions and make plans for the future.

We are inviting local businesses and charities that provide services related to death, dying and funerals available for questions in a relaxed atmosphere.

I was inspired while visiting wedding fairs with my daughter. This is similar but obviously a very different theme.

We believe the more you talk about something the more prepared you may become.

Death is after all a natural part of life and something we all

have in common.

**Janette Kersey**  
*LLM St Peter's and St Michael's, Thundersley*

## We need to save our High Streets

OUR town centres are dying as more and more shops close down leaving empty buildings boarded up.

The buying of goods through the internet and large shopping sites outside of towns with free parking is being blamed as shoppers change their habits.

Last week Castle Point development control committee voted for 14 new flats and six shops to be built on the Haystack car park site.

It was wrongly suggested that all of the committee were in favour of changing the shops to six more flats.

Four of the committee, consisting of Canvey Island councillors voted against this idea because they felt that having shops would help to regenerate the town centre.

If Castle Point Council got together with businesses and the town council, a plan could be brought together to bring interesting and varied shops where residents would want to shop.

Free car parking in the town centre would greatly help residents to come and shop, and spend some time.

At the rear of this site there used to be a banqueting suite which also had a keep-fit facility. Next to that building was the Rio Cinema, which now

is used as a bingo hall.

Canvey town centre needs to be regenerated with new ideas to interest shoppers to spend money and enjoy their surroundings with water features and seating areas. A purpose-built market would bring in the footfall required to entice residents to shop and enjoy the town.

Proper planning and management to refurbish the Paddocks building, making it a community hub, would help to keep the Canvey Island community spirit.

Castle Point planners could do well to follow some of the forward thinking of Rochford and Rayleigh councils who are progressing the interests of their community, by sensible use and refurbishment of some of their existing community buildings.

It would be also be sensible to involve Canvey Island councillors who represent local people.

**Cllr John Anderson**  
*Canvey Island Independent Party*

## We should have just walked out of Europe

THIS country missed out on a great opportunity to put an end to the criminal cabal commonly known as the EU.

All we had to do was to simply

leave two to three weeks after the referendum. The EU thugs knew this, but I find it curious and suspicious, that "our" side seemingly did not – and certainly had not acted accordingly.

We had the element of surprise and should have cut our losses... we are never going to recover any assets in assorted common projects/investments.

This dilly-dallying has already cost us more than £30 billion.

Also, we could have made free-trade agreements with the Germans and the French ... and after a few weeks (after the EU had disintegrated), with the other countries.

The whole arrangement could be overseen by 30-40 bureaucrats, who could even be based in Brussels, since by then, there would be a serious glut of office space there.

And, dear MPs, as the latest campaign clearly states, leave means leave – it does NOT include any deals, nor are any necessary for escaping the EU quagmire.

Please, get this through your head and stop treating your voters like idiots!

We need to get out of the EU NOW! Today!

You can negotiate to your heart's content afterwards. It'll now take a bit longer for them to disintegrate – they've sucked

more billions of pounds out of us and had two-and-a-half years to prepare countermeasures.

And if you don't immediately boot out the traitor May, you'll be found guilty of the same crime by association.

**Fred Nicholson**  
*Westcliff*

## EU contribution far less than expected

I HAVE just received "My Annual Tax Summary 2017-18" from HM Revenue & Customs and on the reverse there is a pie chart indicating how much of my tax goes to the various cost headings which include "UK contribution to the EU budget" and "National debt interest".

I honestly thought prior to receiving this summary that my contribution to the EU budget would far exceed that of the national debt interest payment.

But no, it's the other way round by a factor of nearly nine to one. Apparently I contribute £22 to the EU per annum and £191 per annum to service the national debt. Conclude what like from this, but the EU receives far less from me than say Castle Point Council.

**Brian Wilson**  
*Benfleet*

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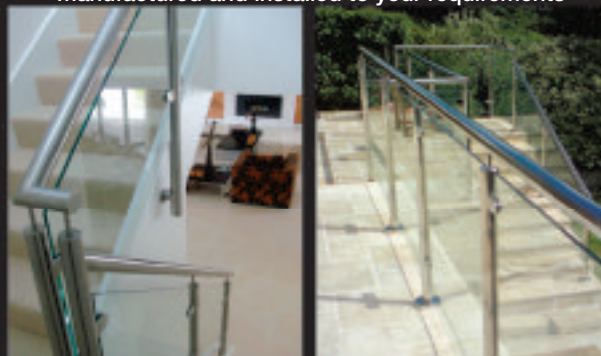
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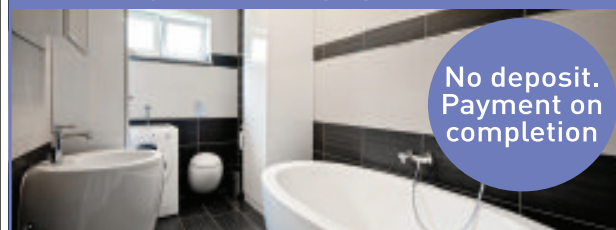
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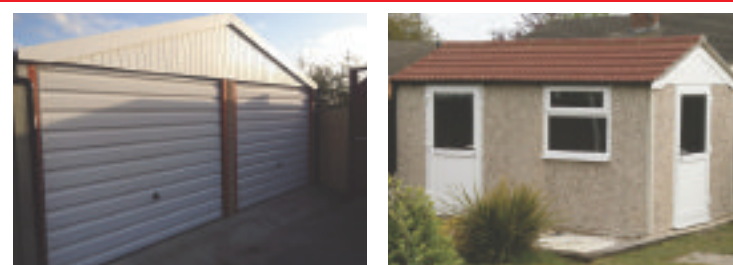
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**T**HE year 2019 marks the golden anniversary of Bob Dylan's famous comeback performance at the Isle of Wight Festival.

Fifty years ago, resplendent in a sharp cream suit, Dylan strode on to the stage before more than 150,000 music fans to deliver a performance that would go down in music history.

This special moment in time is celebrated in The Bob Dylan Story's Isle of Wight 50th Anniversary Greatest Hits Show, which comes to The Palace Theatre, Westcliff on Tuesday, January 29.

The authoritative production is described as a "stunning and definitive live concert celebration of rock music's greatest icon" by the star of the show Bill Lennon.

"Music lovers are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dylan's famous comeback appearance and relive the moment as we feature classics performed on that late summer evening," he says.

"There's the joyous romance of I'll Be Your Baby Tonight, the whimsy of Quinn The Eskimo, and the trademark venom of Maggie's Farm."

The aural and visual spectacular, which features visual projections and the fascinating stories behind the songs, is written by and stars genuine Dylan fans.

"You can join 'Bob' and 'The Band' on a nostalgic trip through and beyond 1960s America as we bring to life all the hits including Like A Rolling Stone, Mr Tambourine Man, Blowin' In The Wind, Knocking On Heaven's Door, All Along The Watchtower, The Times They Are A-Changin', Lay Lady Lay and many more," says Bill.

Attention to detail is promised as the production presents a specially-written homage to Dylan's

Isle of Wight performance.

By the summer of 1969 little had been heard from the folk music legend for more than three years following a motorcycle accident.

"He was reportedly lured to the UK to appear at the festival with the promise of visiting 'Tennyson country' and what occurred was one of the most famous festival performances of all time," says Bill.

Four songs from the festival were included on his Self Portrait album: Like a Rolling Stone, The Mighty Quinn, Minstrel Boy and She Belongs to Me.

The Bob Dylan Story recreates the hits, along with the tales behind many of the songs.

"You can experience the thrill and energy of a full-blown electric Dylan concert," he says, "planted firmly in the 1960s, a time when anything seemed possible, in a show that will remind you what REAL nostalgia feels like, and dig your vinyl to tain the pleasure just that little bit longer."

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# CAUGHT IN A VICE

**VICE (15, 132 mins)**

**W**RITTEN and directed by Adam McKay, whose previous film *The Big Short* brilliantly dramatised the 2008 global financial crisis, *Vice* nervously prowls the corridors of power in Washington D.C. to satirise another true story of malicious meddling and unabashed self-interest.

"Or as true as it can be given, that Dick Cheney is one of the most secretive leaders in history," quips an opening title card, which establishes the irreverent tone of a break-neck tour through chapters of recent history including the Gulf War and the 9/11 attacks.

For the opening hour, *Vice* is a briskly paced and engrossing portrait of ambition, electrified by an Oscar-worthy performance from Christian Bale, who gained 40 pounds to portray Cheney.

The actor completes his startling transformation with more than 100 pieces of prosthetic make-up to replicate the man who served as vice president to George W. Bush between 2001 and 2009.

Once Cheney achieves his goals, McKay's film leaches dramatic tension.

Narrated by an everyman called Kurt (Jesse Plemons), whose importance becomes clear in the film's final act, *Vice* opens in 1963 Wyoming where the young Dick (Bale)

works on the power lines and drinks to excess.

"Back then, they would have called a guy like him a ne'er-do-well. In today's parlance, they would just call him a dirt bag," explains Kurt.

Dick is a crushing disappointment to sweetheart Lynne (Amy Adams), whose father also lives by the bottle, and she refuses to let history repeat.

"I love

you, Lynne," implores Dick.

"Then prove it!" she barks.

In response, Dick secures an internship at the White House where he

assiduously aligns himself with Congressman Donald Rumsfeld (Steve Carell).

By playing the waiting game on Capitol Hill, Dick manoeuvres himself into the position of running mate to George W. Bush (Sam Rockwell) during the 2000 US presidential election.

Haunted by his wife's words – "When you have power, people will try to take it from you. Always," – Dick positions allies such as Rumsfeld, Scooter Libby (Justin Kirk) and legal counsel David Addington (Don McManus) in key positions.

*Vice* takes aim at a dizzying array of easy targets and hits most of them.

Bale slips beneath the skin of his political puppetmaster with elan, staring defiantly at the camera as he persuades Bush to expand the remit of a vice president so he can "handle the more mundane jobs... military, energy and foreign policy".

Adams is equally compelling as a steely spouse, who expects her man to step up, seize his destiny by the throat and squeeze, hard.

**Released: January 25**  
**RATING: 6.5/10**

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## Friday, January 25

- Leigh Floral Group – St Saviour's Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, as usual. Demonstrator Shirley Perkins. 7.30pm. £5
- Live music – Preview, RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. Burns Night, Triple Thyme, tickets £2.50. 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
- Introduction to silk painting and porcelain painting – Royal Naval Association, 73-79 East Street, Southend, SS2 6LQ. 9.45am to noon. £6. No experience needed.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
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- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, designed to increase children's life skills. Call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

## Saturday, January 26

- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will

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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

## Sunday, January 27

- Jazz – Royal British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Jazz Trio with John Sharpe, saxophone, 1pm, free admission. Details: 01702 347581.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
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- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Dornhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.

## Monday, January 28

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
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- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club – Westwood School, Hadleigh, welcomes new members Monday and Wednesday evenings, Kevin 01268 792433.
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- Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billency Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

## Tuesday, January 29

- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 71511.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-11.55pm.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.
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## Homes of the week

### ● Investment opportunity London Road, Leigh-on-Sea

A SHOP and flats investment opportunity in Leigh-on-Sea is set to go under the auctioneer's gavel next month.

The London Road premises is among 115 lots in the auction being held by Britain's largest independent regional land and property auctioneer Clive Emson Land and Property Auctioneers.

It is being offered at Clive Emson's Essex regional sale in Chelmsford on Monday, February 4 with a freehold guide price of £425,000-plus.

Senior auction valuer Richard Jones said: "This freehold investment opportunity is located in a popular location amongst other shops with parking and is on a local bus route."

"The property comprises a lock-up shop, a pair of two bedroom flats and a one bedroom flat, all currently let and generating a total of £32,900 per annum."

"We consider this to be an ideal property for continued investment."

The ground floor shop includes storage area and a door to the rear access way is let on a 12-year lease at £8,000 per annum.

Ground floor Flat C is accessed from the rear and has a kitchen, reception area, shower room, living room, and two bedrooms. It is let at £650 per calendar month.

First floor Flat B has a hallway, shower room, kitchen/reception room and bedroom and is let at £625 per calendar month.

Flat A on the first and second floors has an entrance hall, shower room, bedroom, open plan living room/kitchen, stairs to second floor bedroom and an en suite shower room. It is let at £800 per calendar month.

Clive Emson Land and Property Auctioneers reported a strong 2018, cataloguing a total of 1,246 lots and achieving sales worth



£170million from eight rounds of regional sales, with a sales rate of 77 per cent.

The final auction of 2018 in December raised £17million and achieved a sale rate in excess of 80 per cent from 131 lots listed.

Managing director James Emson said: "I am pleased to report that our performance stood up particularly well during 2018."

"We look forward to 2019 with renewed vigour."

"We may be facing unprecedented political turmoil in Britain, but for

everybody life goes on – people will always need somewhere to live and work."

"Bricks and mortar remain a solid investment and our auctions have shown that market confidence remains high."

"Both residential and commercial property and land sales have delivered well."

"Price-sensitive buyers have been able to acquire some great deals while vendors opting for sensible reserves have been attracting immense pre-auction interest and

then strong showroom bidding."

Clive Emson holds eight rounds of auctions each year at five locations from Essex to Cornwall on consecutive days.

The first round of Clive Emson's regional Essex, North & East London auctions in 2019 is being staged at Chelmsford City Racecourse, Great Leighs, CM3 1PZ, on Monday, February 4 at 11am.

The firm also stages an online auction, complementing the existing live auctions. See [www.cliveemson.co.uk/online](http://www.cliveemson.co.uk/online) for details.

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### Homestead Way, HADLEIGH \ O.I.E.O £310,000



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### Milestone Close, HOCKLEY \ £465,000



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Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow \ Located Within Easy Distance Of Village Shops \ Underfloor Heating \ Entrance Hall \ Lounge 16'9 x 10'6 \ Kitchen & Dining Room 19'6 x 9'7 \ Bedroom One 16'9 x 10'6 \ En Suite \ Bedroom Two 12'2 x 9'5 \ Bedroom Three 9'6 x 7'1 \ Bathroom \ Rear Garden \ Front Garden \ Detached Garage \ No Onward Chain \ **Call Hockley Office 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com**

### Belchamps Way, HOCKLEY \ £435,000



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Spacious And Well Decorated Detached Bungalow \ Wide Road Frontage \ Entrance Hall \ Lounge 13'11 x 13' \ Modern Kitchen 13'11 x 7' \ Dining Room 10'10 x 7' \ Bedroom One 12' x 11' \ Bedroom Two 10' x 10' \ Wet Room 8' x 6' \ Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Detached Pitched Roof Garage \ No Onward Chain \ Close to Village Shops \ **Call Hockley Office 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com**



**SOUTH BENFLEET \ £325,000**

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#### Southend £240,000

MOVE STRAIGHT IN... With No Onward Chain, in Southchurch Village close to shops, schools and C2C station, two double bedroom cottage style house. First floor bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, good decorative order. Sensibly priced and an ideal first house purchase. EPC=d. Ref: ebe3883



#### Southend £325,000

FAVOURSED SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE AREA... Backing west, close to C2C station, Southchurch Road shopping facilities, and good schools, three bedroom, two reception room family house with off street parking. Rear sun-trap balcony, gas central heating, "lean to" utility, double glazing. Considerable potential. EPC= tba. Ref: ebe3876



#### Southend £295,000

SPACIOUS SEMI IN SOUTH AVENUE... With sunny south facing garden, having off street parking, well equipped 3 bedroom, house with g/floor shower room/wc and f/floor bathroom. Fitted kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing. Close to local shops, schools and amenities. EPC= tba. Re: ebe3877



#### Southend £280,000

SEE THE SEA..... Superb views from charming listed Fishermans Cottage on seafront. Requires refurbishment and offers tremendous potential. Three bedrooms, dressing room, basement, gas central heating. Character property close to local amenities and with easy access to the town centre. Rare opportunity. No onward chain. EPC=E. Ref: ebe3869

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- South facing garden backing Boyce Hill Golf course



NEW TO MARKET



## HADLEIGH £169,995

Ground floor flat in purpose built block, Located within 0.5 mile of Hadleigh town centre & local bus routes, 2 allocated parking spaces & additional guest visitors bays, vacant possession & no onward chain, Lounge with patio doors providing access to communal gardens, Ideal for buy to let investors or first time buyers, 3 piece shower room which has been re-designed in to a wet room

NEW TO MARKET



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## WESTCLIFF ON SEA £239,995

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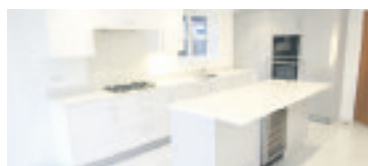
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## Auction House outperforms market in 2018

Leading property auctioneer Auction House – which has a branch in Essex – has reported increased sales for 2018 of 6.9%, raising a total of over £455m (£455,131,080), a record amount in the 11 year history of the group.

Last year, Auction House sold 3,680 lots from almost 5,000 lots offered (4,971), representing a success rate of 74%.

Commenting on the latest figures, Managing Director, Andrew Stallard said: “This is a remarkable result for 2018, especially against such a challenging background, with political uncertainty a significant and ever-present factor. It’s good to add yet another step to our market share staircase – at a time when nearly every one of our competitors has seen volumes falling – and achieve incremental growth for the 11th year in succession.

“What’s more, there seems to have been a noticeable fall in the sector nationally, with figures suggesting that between December 2017 and November 2018 the market dropped by around 7%. If this trend continued into December, as seems likely, it means that Auction House would have delivered ahead of the market by a massive 14% over the course of the year.”

The figures for December were also well ahead of expectations. Last month the group sold 430 lots from 612 offered – a success rate of 70.3% with over £50m raised (£52,792,108).

Andrew added: “Not only were December’s figures impressive, but our early listings for 2019 auctions are already looking good too. There are currently over 220 properties due

to be offered in forthcoming sales, including around 20 lots in our National Online Auction on the 24th January.

“Interestingly, many vendors are now telling us that they want to sell this tax year and before Brexit Day. For this reason, we expect entry levels to stay strong in the first quarter.

“Whilst buyer numbers were down in the final quarter of last year, we didn’t experience the dramatic drop forecast by many. Local knowledge and keen pricing are the key ingredients for successful auctions in a difficult climate, and Auction House, with its 40 auction rooms, is best-positioned to deliver.

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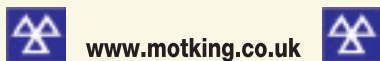
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Coming up against a side that had lost 11 of their previous 14 matches in all competitions, the travelling Hammers support could perhaps be forgiven for believing this was a mere formality. However, manager, Manuel Pellegrini, was left in little doubt as to the quality the Cherries possessed.

"Bournemouth is a team who have good players who always score goals because they play two strikers and very good technical midfielders," the Chilean explained.

With speculation rife as to the future, and mindset, of Marko Arnautovic, Pellegrini removed any ensuing "circus" by leaving the Austrian out of his match squad, his place handed to Andy Carroll.

Jefferson Lerma's speculative strike was too high while David Brooks nodded a glorious opportunity the wrong side of an upright as the Cherries started brightly. Meanwhile, Nathan Ake's celebrations were cut short by an assistant's flag after the Dutch defender converted Ryan Fraser's centre.

Bournemouth were making life uncomfortable for the Hammers. Adam Smith sent another snapshot high over. Felipe Anderson provided the visitors with their best option of an outlet, but with support in short supply, chances came at a premium for the off-colour east Londoners.

West Ham had only a blocked effort from Samir Nasri and a wayward strike from Declan Rice to show from an otherwise lacklustre



**ACTION: Steve Cook (left) and Andy Carroll (right) battle for the ball**

Photo: Mark Kerton/PA Wire

opening period.

Lukasz Fabianski clawed out from Steve Cook, while Andy Carroll somehow shot over from two yards out as the sides passed over decent chances after the break.

But with the game looking an altogether more open contest, a goal was only a matter of time – and it was the home side that provided it.

Having passed a late fitness test, Wilson, recently linked with a move to the London Stadium, fired high beyond Fabianski after Fraser had scampered clear to fashion an opening.

Pellegrini replaced Carroll and Nasri with Javier Hernandez and Robert Snodgrass in a bid to salvage the situation. But it was Bournemouth who continued to look the more likely – Lerma sending a thundering strike just over following a move down the left,

then Fabianski pushing Wilson's attempt onto the foot of a post after King had provided an opening.

West Ham toiled fruitlessly. Hernandez provided Artur Boruc with his first meaningful employment of the afternoon. However, the Polish stopper had little difficulty fielding the Mexican's tame attempt as the Hammers' frustrations continued.

In stoppage time West Ham's misery was compounded when King swept home from eight yards following a swift break down the right by Brooks, confirming a league double for the Cherries, who had won by the odd goal in three at the London Stadium during the early weeks of the campaign.

After the game a disappointed Pellegrini said: "Maybe we had lots of possession and good football, but you need to create more

chances and shoot more against a team that has conceded 12 goals in the last four games. That is something we did not do well.

"I think in the first 45 minutes it was close. When we started the second half we had a clear chance to score. Maybe that would have changed the game."

On the continued uncertainty surrounding Arnautovic, the Hammers boss said: "As a manager, you must make decisions on the players that work better during the week. Marko has another issue so I thought that it was not a good idea for him to play today."

"We don't need to talk about a player that was not in the squad."

Meanwhile, Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe was relieved to see his side return to winning ways for the first time in five attempts: "I'm very pleased. It's a real reward for the player's mindsets during this difficult run we've had."

"It's been incredibly hard but they've never let their heads drop and they've trained well."

"Performance-wise, today maybe wasn't as good as some of the games we lost recently, but we defended very well after Callum's great strike."

West Ham now turn their attention to the Emirates FA Cup, facing AFC Wimbledon at the Cherry Red Records Stadium on Saturday, January 26 (7.45pm).

**AFC Bournemouth:** Artur Boruc, Steve Cook (capt), Dan Gosling, Nathan Ake, Jefferson Lerma, Callum Wilson (Junior Stanislas 73'), Adam Smith, Joshua King, David Brooks (Lys Mousset 90+2'), Nathaniel Clyne, Ryan Fraser (Charlie Daniels 90+2') Subs not used: Asmir Begovic, Andrew Surman, Diego Rico, Jack Simpson

**West Ham Utd:** Lukasz Fabianski, Aaron Cresswell, Pablo Zabaleta, Felipe Anderson, Andy Carroll (Javier Hernandez 66'), Mark Noble (capt) (Grady Diangana 78'), Samir Nasri (Robert Snodgrass 66'), Angelo Ogbonna, Issa Diop, Michail Antonio, Declan Rice Subs not used: Adrian, Pedro Obiang, Arthur Masuaku, Xande Silva

**Referee:** Simon Hooper  
**Assistants:** Adrian Holmes, Derek Eaton  
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**Attendance:** 10,495

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## Non-league football

## Three and easy for deadly Daggers

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE returned to National League winning ways with an emphatic 3-0 victory over struggling Maidstone Utd at the Gallagher Stadium.

Nathan Smith, Conor Wilkinson and Lamar Reynolds were all on target for the Daggers. Peter Taylor's men move up to 13th place, nine points shy of the play-off places.

Bottom of the table Braintree Town provided Barnet with a shock as Callum Morton scored twice, Luke Allen and a Callum Reynolds own-goal ensured the Iron victory by 4-0 at Cressing Road.

The visitors, who a fortnight ago dispatched Championship side Sheffield United in the Emirates FA Cup, were forced to play 86 minutes with ten men following the early dismissal of goalkeeper Mark Cousins. Despite the win, Braintree remain three points adrift at the foot of the division.

Leyton Orient's promotion hopes took a hit after goals from Jack King and Chris Bush helped in-form Ebbsfleet Utd to a 2-0 victory at Stonebridge Road. However, the O's remain top of the league after nearest rivals Salford City and Wrexham dropped points.

There was a huge National League South derby at the Aspect Arena where Concord Rangers and Billericay Town played out an exciting 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of close to 700. Alex Wall fired the Beach Boys into an early lead. However, Connor Smith restored parity before the break.

A dramatic second period saw Wall and Town's Jesse Debrah receive their marching orders before Moses Emmanuel gave the visitors the lead on the hour mark. But in a dramatic finish Jack Midson ensured the hosts a point.

Chelmsford City produced a late comeback to stun old adversaries Dartford at the Melbourne Stadium. Phil Roberts had given the Darts a fourth-minute lead but the Clarets hit back with late goals from Jonathan Giles and Rhys Murphy to claim the points.

East Thurrock Utd and Dulwich Hamlet produced a goalless draw at Rookery Hill. The Rocks had Rickie Hayles sent off inside the opening five minutes, while Jay Rich-Baguelou suffered the same fate for Dulwich shortly before the half-hour mark.

First-half goals from Lee Prescott and George Purcell gave AFC Hornchurch a 2-0 victory against Burgess Hill Town at Bridge Avenue.

Bowers & Pitsea are six points clear at the top of the Bostik North Division following a 3-2 win over Coggeshall Town at the Len salmon Stadium.

Lewis Manor scored twice and Callum Leahy added another for Bowers, while Nnamdi Nwachuku bagged a brace for the plucky Seedgrowers.

Maldon & Tiptree are second after hammering Mildenhall Town 5-1 – Jerome Slew (2), Kojo Awotwi (2) and Michael Brothers with the Jammers goals.

Joshua Wiggins and Billy Johnson scored for Great Watford Rovers as they came from behind to beat Romford 2-1 at Burroughs Park. Earlier, Reece Hewitt had given the east Londoners an advantage. Meanwhile, Kevin Coyle hit the only goal as Witham Town won at Grays Athletic.

Basildon Utd were 2-1 winners over Brentwood Town at the Ho Ho Stadium. Jeffrey Cobbah and Matheus Santos found the net for the Bees – former West Ham man Tony Stokes responding for Brentwood. Canvey Island won 3-1 at Barking.

Adam Vyse, Frankie Merrifield and Martin Tuohy scoring for the Gulls – Tobi Joseph with a late consolation for the hosts.

Andrew Freeman found the net for Aveley in a 1-1 draw at Dereham Town. However, a Kreshnic Krasnjic strike proved insufficient for Heybridge Swifts, who went down 3-1 at Soham Town Rangers. Tilbury went down 4-3 at AFC Sudbury – Lewis Smith hitting a hat-trick for the Dockers (one pen) but still finishing on the losing side.

In the Essex Senior League, Walthamstow won 4-0 at Enfield 1893. Redbridge were 3-2 winners over Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium while there was an entertaining 2-2 draw at Hargrave Park as Stansted and Barkingside shared the spoils.

# Blues batter Bantams in return to form

**Bradford City 0-4 Southend Utd**  
By **Brian Jeeves**

CHRIS POWELL was both delighted and relieved as his Southend United side returned to Sky Bet League One winning ways with a four-goal demolition of struggling Bradford City at Valley Parade.

Simon Cox handed the Blues the lead inside two minutes, while skipper Sam Mantom doubled the visitors' advantage midway through the opening period.

Powell believed this was Southend's best performance of the season and a perfect day was capped when Stephen Humphrys, signed on a two-and-a-half-year

deal from Fulham on the morning of the match, bagged a second-half brace to confirm the victory.

"I'm ecstatic," Powell told [www.southendunited.co.uk](http://www.southendunited.co.uk).

"I think every manager will tell you, when you lose games like we did last week you take it personally and I always feel like I've let everyone down, so whenever you win a game, it's a great feeling but when it's away from home and when it's four goals of real quality – sometimes they're not all like that, but I've got to say that all four goals were brilliant."

"We had a great start and that gets you in the game, but there

were some pivotal moments: Sam Mantom's goal was great, but the real pivotal moment today was Nathan Bishop's save at 2-0.

"We knew Bradford would come out and react, and I'm sure David would have spoken to his team to react and get the crowd on your side, and they nearly did it so it was good for Bish."

"From there it was all about Stephen Humphrys and I actually think our third goal was better than the fourth as he had a lot to do and he took it really well. He wanted to stay on for the hat-trick, but the intensity of the game I thought would catch up on him and I want

him fit and ready for next week."

Southend United return to Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, January 26 when Luton Town visit Roots Hall Stadium (3pm).

**Bradford City:** O'Donnell, McGowan, A O'Connor (capt) (Wood 66'), Doyle (Anderson 86'), Payne, Miller (Colville 76'), Akpan, Knight-Percival, Caddis, O'Brien, Ball. Subs not used: Wilson, P O'Connor, Devine, Ellington

**Southend United:** Bishop, Bwomono, Hyam, Turner, Dieng, Cox (Kelman 86'), Mantom (capt) (Yearwood 81'), Moore, Humphrys (Robinson 76'), Hart, White. Subs not used: Smith, Kightly, McLaughlin, Hendrie  
**Referee:** Michael Salisbury  
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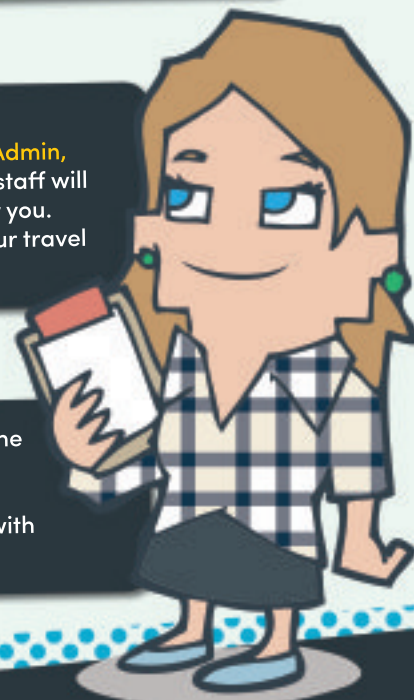
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